

Chapter 11

Section 4: The Nonlegislative Powers

Guiding Question: What nonlegislative powers does the Constitution delegate to Congress?

GET STARTED

Lesson Goals:

- ☐ Students will examine the impeachment process.
- ☐ Students will outline the nonlegislative powers of Congress.

Bellringer Write the following newspaper headlines in a column on the board: **Congress proposes flag-burning amendment; No winner in President race, House must choose; House votes to impeach President Clinton; Senate rejects President's pick for attorney general.** Beside this list, write the following categories in another column: **executive powers, electoral duties, impeachment power, constitutional amendment power.** As students arrive for class, instruct them to choose the category from the right that describes the power illustrated in each headline on the left.

Vocabulary Provide students with a sentence using each vocabulary term from the section and help them guess the meaning of the term using context clues.

TEACH

Review students' Bellringer responses. Explain that these are some of the powers of Congress that they will learn about in this section. Tell students that these powers illustrate the principle of checks and balances. Have students scan the section and explain why this is the case for each power.

Ask:

- What does the term *impeach* actually mean? (*to accuse or charge with a crime*)

Learning Styles: Logical/Mathematical

Have students review the information about the impeachment process, and then create sequence diagrams that show each step in the process and who is involved, beginning with the accusation of a crime in the House of Representatives. Ask volunteers to share their diagrams with the class.

Other Strategies

ELL/ESL Strategy

ASSESS AND REMEDIATE

- Assign the Section Assessment questions; grade student responses.

Chapter Resources

Essential Questions Journal

Chapter 11 Outline (All-in-One, pp. 58–60)

Chapter Test B (All-in-One, pp. 107–110)

Other Resources

Reading Comprehension Worksheet (All-in-One, pp. 91–92)

Section Quiz B (All-in-One, p. 99)

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